



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

November 20, 2008

Diane M. Couture  
764 Central Pike  
Scituate, RI 02857

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

**RE:** Application No. 08-0328 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 140 feet south of Central Pike, approximately 1,500 feet east of the intersection of Central Pike and Marantha Lane, Assessor's Plat 47, Lot 10-A; and approximately 150 feet south of Central Pike, approximately 500 feet east of the intersection of Central Pike and Marantha Lane, Assessor's Plat 47, Lot 10-C, Scituate, RI.

Dear Ms. Couture:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request for Preliminary Determination** application. This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed three (3)-lot residential subdivision that includes an existing dwelling and two new dwellings, with associated driveways, on-site wastewater treatment systems, utilities and landscaping as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on October 9, 2008.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are proposed. However, pursuant to Rule 9.00 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act (Rules), this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No. 08-0328:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Section 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This permit is specifically limited to the project, site alterations and limits of disturbance as detailed on the site plans submitted with your application and received by the DEM on October 9, 2008. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that would alter freshwater wetlands are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
3. Where the terms and conditions of the permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.

4. You must notify this Program in writing immediately prior to the commencement of site alterations and upon completion of the project.
5. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM representative upon request.
6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Scituate and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
9. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.
10. Also prior to commencement of any site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated in red ink on the approved site plans, in order to provide permanent reference points on site that are clear to present and future property owners. Acceptable permanent type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap, or granite or concrete bounds. Markers must extend a minimum 24" above grade. A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker. A permanent-type fence at least 24 " tall placed along the limits of disturbance may be substituted where desired. No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.
11. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any wetlands not subject to disturbance under this permit
12. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of hay bales and/or silt fence must be removed.
13. You are responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands.
14. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.

15. Since site alterations were not proposed in this application, this permit does not authorize alterations of freshwater wetlands on lot number 10-B as shown on the site plans stamped approved by this Program.
16. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. Specifically, you are required to install a row of Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) or Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) or Northern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*), or a combination of these, along the westerly disturbance limits on Lot 10-A. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.
17. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting. Any planting that fails to survive for one full growing season must be replaced, and the replacement must be similarly guaranteed. **You must notify this Program in writing upon completion of the required plantings for a compliance inspection by a Program representative.**
18. Buffer zone plantings of trees and/or shrubs proposed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.
19. A copy of this permit and a copy of the approved site plans must be forwarded to the OWTS Program of the DEM's office of Water Resources. A permit is needed from the OWTS Program prior to commencing any work on this project.

Pursuant to the provisions in Rule 7.09 and Rule 11.04, as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on site. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with Rule 8.03. This Program makes no guarantee that the freshwater wetlands on the property are accurately surveyed or portrayed on the approved site plans.

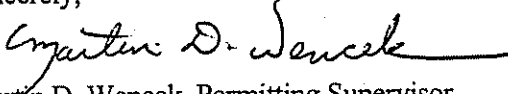
This permit does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law and does not relieve you from any duties owed to adjacent landowners with specific reference to any changes in drainage.

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Please contact Jane Kelly of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820 x 7420) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Permitting Supervisor  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: David Provonsil, Scituate Building Official  
Robert C. Schultz, Jr.  
Norbert Therien, P.L.S., National Surveyors-Developers, Inc.